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For : A SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING DATA RELATED TO A PARTIAL  
REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM  
Serial No. : 10/780,523

**Preliminary Amendment**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please amend the above- identified application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification to include at the beginning of the application –The present Utility patent application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/457,127, filed March 24, 2003; and U.S. Provisional Application 60/457,073, filed March 24, 2003.--

**REMARKS**

This is a request to amend the claim of priority.

It is requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

No fee is believed due. However, if any fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted  
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